

LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Patient Care Experience Hours

Accepted:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Paramedic
- Military Medic or Medical Corpsman/Military Medical Technician
- Combat Medic
- EEG, EKG or ECHO Technician
- Emergency Room Technician
- Physical Therapist (PT)
- Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA)
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)
- Medical Assistant (MA)
- Medical Technologist
- Respiratory Therapist (RT)
- Registered Dietician (RD)
- Phlebotomist
- Hospice Worker with patient care
- Dental Hygienist or Technician/Assistant
- Hospital Technician/Orderly with patient care duties (not just transporting, must describe patient care duties)
- Licensed Medical/Clinical Social Worker
- Licensed Family/Marriage Therapist
- Mental Health Counselor
- Dialysis Unit Aid or Dialysis Technician
- Optometry Assistant
- Chiropractor
- Chiropractic Assistant
- Behavioral Health Technician or Mental Health Technician
- Certified Athletic Trainer
- Medical Missions Assistant (with US-based provider)
- Medical Scribe
- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Surgical Technician
- Medical Library Technician
- Exercise Physiologist
- Cardiac or Pulmonary Rehab Technician
- Clinical Trials Assistant with hands on patient care
- Medical Researcher (with research subject care/research patient care contact)
- Shadowing or Direct Observation a PA, NP, MD, or DO – up to 50 hours.

Not Accepted:

- Hospital transporter without patient care duties (wheelchair to car/bed transport only)
- Hospital Volunteer (“candy striper”)
- Patient Care Internship
- Shadowing of any medical profession other than PA, NP, MD or DO
- Research Assistant (non-clinical)
- Medical Transcriptionist
- Medical Translator without other clinical duties
- Medical Insurance Adjuster
- Insurance Clerk
- Medical Secretary (clerical duties without hand-on patient care duties)
- Veterinarian Worker or Volunteer (Veterinarian Tech/Assistant)
- Massage Therapist
- Aerobics Instructor/Athletics Instructor
- Lifeguard
- CPR-BLS/ACLS/PALS Instructor
- Wilderness Medicine Instructor
- Snow Ski Patroller/Ranger
- Pharmaceutical Representative
- Medical Coder

All other positions not listed here will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Admission Committee. Any questions or concerns, please ask the PA Program Graduate Admission Counselor or PA Program Admission Coordinator.